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## CenturyLink becomes authorized premium supplier for SAP HANA® Enterprise Cloud in Asia Pacific

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CenturyLink's operations in Singapore and India now ready to provide the latest SAP® cloud services to help local businesses accelerate their digital transformation journeys

MONROE, La., July 3, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) today announced it has signed an agreement with SAP to offer premium supplier services for SAP HANA® Enterprise Cloud in Asia Pacific. These services, delivered through data centers located in Singapore and India, can help organizations across the region accelerate their digital transformation journeys by combining the real-time computing power of the SAP HANA platform with CenturyLink's global network infrastructure and in-house expertise in SAP® solutions.

Through this agreement, CenturyLink's infrastructure and services capabilities help expand the SAP HANA Enterprise Cloud offering. SAP HANA Enterprise Cloud is a private, secure cloud fully managed by SAP and supported by global partners, and is often used by companies that run mission-critical applications in the cloud.

The launch builds on CenturyLink's **global premium supplier partnership agreement** with SAP, and successful SAP project implementations for clients in Asia Pacific. CenturyLink has deep SAP technology **expertise** which includes designing, implementing and managing a full spectrum of SAP solutions.

"SAP HANA enables companies to make real-time, informed decisions about their business," said Gary Gauba, chief enterprise relationship officer and president, Advanced Solutions Group in CenturyLink's Global IT & Managed Services business unit. "By expanding our SAP HANA Enterprise Cloud service offering in Asia Pacific, we continue to help businesses move their enterprise applications to the cloud and innovate using the latest-generation applications based on SAP HANA."

CenturyLink's Global IT & Managed Services group provides a broad range of technology-enabled business

solutions and managed services including cloud enablement, big data-as-a-service, advanced decision sciences, digital commerce, managed security application development and modernization, quality assurance and testing, and disaster recovery services. In addition, Global IT & Managed Services offers a suite of analytical solutions built on its Model Controller platform designed to operationalize predictive models.

Following a rigorous audit and approval process, both CenturyLink's infrastructure and practitioners have achieved premium supplier status for SAP HANA Enterprise Cloud. This further establishes CenturyLink as a trusted SAP technology partner, with significant experience delivering a dynamic suite of **SAP solutions and services**.

According to Peter Harkin, head of SAP HANA Enterprise Cloud & Managed Services Sales for SAP Asia Pacific & Japan (APJ), "With the announcement of CenturyLink as a premium supplier for SAP HANA Enterprise Cloud, SAP further extends its capacity to provide managed private cloud services in a number of geographies across APJ. The success of and demand for the SAP HANA Enterprise Cloud offering is driving these partnerships, which we anticipate will benefit our customers. Now more than ever, we believe that SAP HANA Enterprise Cloud is a 'must consider' choice as our customers look to run their mission-critical SAP applications in the cloud while digitally transforming their businesses."

Through this holistic approach, CenturyLink can support large-scale production workloads and provide metro-specific disaster recovery services. These characteristics are enhanced by CenturyLink's advanced network, which enables businesses to quickly deploy their SAP application workloads to empower global workforces.

Visit <http://centurylink.com/business/enterprise/managed-hosting/sap-hana.html> for more information about CenturyLink's SAP HANA Enterprise Cloud services.

### **About CenturyLink**

**CenturyLink (NYSE: CTL)** is a global communications and IT services company focused on connecting its customers to the power of the digital world. CenturyLink offers network and data systems management, big data analytics, managed security services, hosting, cloud, and IT consulting services. The company provides broadband, voice, video, advanced data and managed network services over a robust 265,000-route-mile U.S. fiber network and a 360,000-route-mile international transport network. Visit **CenturyLink** for more information.

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